City of Blue Springs City Council

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The BUCK STOPS here!
The Challenge Begins

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• The Customer Service Challenge
• Addressing Citizens’ Needs
• Communicating with Citizens
City of Blue Springs - History of Population Growth

- 1990: 40,124
- 2000: 47,990
- 2004: 49,467
- 2006: 53,885
- 2008: 55,031
- 2010 (projected): 62,824
2007 Property Tax Rates for Selected Missouri Cities

- Grain Valley: 1.70
- Lee's Summit: 1.49
- Kansas City: 1.46
- Oak Grove: 0.83
- Blue Springs: 0.70
- Independence: 0.65

Property taxes are second lowest in the immediate metropolitan area.
Reflects City portions only. Blue Springs is the lowest of all local municipalities.
Citizens identify 5 major priorities for Blue Springs

1. Infrastructure: Improvements to traffic flow
2. Maintenance of city streets
3. Community development and planning
4. Quality of Police
5. Enforcement of building and property maintenance
Public Works

2008 Bond Issues

- Significant Voter Approval – 84% sewer/ 80% streets
- Meets basic infrastructure and growth needs
- Most successful passage of City bond
Question 1: Sewer Improvements

The City of Blue Springs is proposing a $35 million bond for additional sewer capacity and to meet new environmental regulations.

(Ballot Question Number 1 - August 5, 2008)

Question 2: Street Improvements

The City of Blue Springs is proposing the issuance of $28 million in general obligation bonds for road and intersection improvements including:

- Widening of Woods Chapel Road
- Duncan Road at Woods Chapel Road/R.D.Mize Road intersection
- Extension of Moreland School Road to Liggett Road
- Colbern Road and Highway 7 intersection

(Ballot Question Number 2 - August 5, 2008)

Question 2: Street Projects

Woods Chapel Road

Improvements Include:
- Additional turn lanes
- Pedestrian walkways & sidewalks
- Addition of bike paths

Duncan & Woods Chapel

Improvements Include:
- Intersection & roadway realignment
- Placement of a traffic signal
- Pedestrian walkways & sidewalks

Moreland School to Liggett

Improvements Include:
- Connection to County portion of Liggett Road
- Overlay for Moreland School Road from 19th Street to 7 Highway
- Western access to I-470
- Addition of a sidewalk and bike path

Colbern & Highway 7

Improvements Include:
- Signal improvements
- Additional through & turn lanes
- Center islands for motorist safety
Public Works

2008 Street Overlay and Rehabilitation Program

- $2.5 million allocated in 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget
  - City Council priority
  - Significant portion of Capital Improvement Program budgeted to streets
- Will overlay 75 miles of residential streets over 5-year period
- Completed approximately 25 miles in 2007-2008
ADAMS DAIRY PKWY
NEW PAVEMENT
COMING FALL 2008
Improving Quality of Life

City’s First Property Maintenance Code
• Took effect on November 3, 2008
• Addresses citizens’ needs for increased enforcement of external property code issues

Multi-Family Task Force Work Concludes
• City Council adopted Task Force recommendations into municipal code November 10, 2008
• Moratorium lifted following integration of new code
• New projects to come forward

Acquisition of Park Land in South Blue Springs
Pursuing Public Safety Excellence

- Mayor’s Advisory Council on Public Safety
- City’s first Citizen’s Police Academy
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- Addition of four new patrol officers in 2009
- Addressing citizens’ needs for increased police visibility in neighborhoods
Maintaining Viable Economic Opportunities

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- Thriving Partnership with Economic Development Corporation
- Positioned for future growth and quality development
Strong Leadership with a Regional Focus

Involvement in several regional and state committees
• Missouri Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors
• Co-Chair, Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council
• Chair, Missouri Metro Mayor’s Caucus

Community Cooperation to Foster Future Opportunities
• Regional transportation
• Environment and sustainability initiatives
• Regional parks and trails system
Taking Center Stage in a National Spotlight

- David Cook, American Idol
- Blue Springs South High School football on ESPN
- Blue Springs High School Golden Regiment Marching Band in Rose Bowl Parade January ‘09
- Rachel Ray Show visits renowned Blue Springs Barbeque Blaze Off
A City of Honors and Accolades

- 2008 3CMA award for city government website
- 2007-08 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- 2007-08 Missouri State Planning Award for Downtown Development Code
- 2008 National Roadside Vegetation Management Award
- And many others…
Striving to Meet Citizens’ Needs in the Future
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STATE OF THE CITY 2008
“When Citizens Speak”
Mayor Carson Ross